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SECRETARY OF STATE
PIERRE, SOUTH DAKOTA

PROCLAMATION

Fire is a friend of the enemy to an appalling degree whenever and wherever it interrupts our production, takes the lives of skilled war workers, destroys irreplaceable materials, and reduces to costly ashes our farms and homes. The normal annual fire loss in the forty-eight states exceeds the peak year of enemy bombing destruction over Britain - and our losses are still increasing.

If we are to insure an early victory on the fighting front we must control fire - the ever-present, national menace. Redoubled efforts and redoubled vigilance are particularly necessary on the crucial home stretch. United effort by every community and by every citizen to preserve America's resources from fire will help to strengthen our fighting manpower and to safeguard each necessity both for overseas and for the home front.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, M Q SHARPE, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby designate the week beginning October 3 1943, as

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

and I urge every patriotic citizen, every public authority, all civic bodies, and all educators, the pulpit, the press, and the radio, to emphasize and dramatize for the benefit of our people the grave dangers attendant upon uncontrolled fire in the home, on the farm, in industry, and in business; and I further direct the appropriate agencies of the state to cooperate with all our citizens in initiating programs for the emphasizing of these objectives.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota to be affixed, at Pierre, the Capital, this twenty-first day of September 1943.

(Great Seal)

M Q Sharpe
Governor

ATTEST:

Mrs L M Larsen
Secretary of State

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